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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON CYPRUS SETTLEMENT

SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS IN ATHENS AND NICOSIA HAVE REPORTED
THAT A DEPARTMENT OFFICER HAS SAID, "THAT THE FINAL
SETTLEMENT PROBABLY WILL INVOLVE TWO RELATIVELY
AUTONOMOUS AREAS LINKED BY A WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT."
THIS STORY HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY ONLY ONE SMALL-CIRCULATION
NEW ENGLAND DAILY AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO QUESTIONS POSED
ON THIS SUBJECT DURING STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING.
THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED AS GUIDANCE SHOULD QUESTIONS
ARISE ON THIS MATTER.:

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--THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO BE

DRAWN INTO SPECULATION ON THE DETAILS OF A FINAL CYPRUS SETTLEMENT OTHER THAN TO ENUNCIATE CERTAIN GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH THE US CONSIDERS ESSENTIAL TO AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION. (THIS WAS MOST AUTHORITATIVELY DONE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE BEFORE THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 22, 1975.) WE HAVE STATED THAT THE DETAILS OF A SETTLEMENT ARE FOR THE CYPRIOTS THEMSELVES TO WORK OUT. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SPEAK FREQUENTLY TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ON ALL

ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO A DEPARTMENT OFFICER WAS OBVIOUSLY LIFTED OUT OF THE CONTEXT OF A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS OF THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES. IT WAS NOT, AND WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE, A STATEMENT OF US POLICY.

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